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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply are filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination herewith in the above-noted U.S. patent application. In satisfaction of the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, kindly enter the following amendments and remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 3, 2007, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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